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News and Notes from the
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AUGUST 1986
TOP 20 TITHES
(Received by September 10, 1986)

1.	MCC Dallas	Dallas, TX	$2,471.58
2.	MCC Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	1,203.13
3.	MCC Washington DC	Washington, DC	1,133.71
4.	MCC in the Valley	N Hollywood, CA	1,108.66
5.	Church/Holy Spirit	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1,099.30
6.	All God's Children MCC	Minneapolis, MN	1,051.29
7.	Mid-Cities MCC	Arlington, TX	985.34
8.	MCC Greater St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	922.32
9.	MCC Greater Kansas Cty.	Kansas City, MO	921.76
10.	MCC Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	848.40
11.	MCC San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	772.87
12.	MCC of the Disciples	Washington, DC	685.77
13.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth	Ft. Worth, TX	665.90
14.	MCC of the Pomona Valley	Ontario, CA	663.87
15.	River City MCC	Sacramento, CA	662.32
16.	King of Peace MCC	St Petersburg, FL	609.60
17.	St. Luke's MCC	Jacksonville, FL	589.20
18.	MCC Tampa	Tampa, FL	584.44
19.	Good Shepherd Parish MCC	Chicago, IL	571.27
20.	MCC Portland	Portland, OR	546.93

AUGUST 1986
TOP 20 PER CAPITA
(Received by September 10, 1986)

1.	Mid-Cities MCC	Arlington, TX	$ 28.81
2.	MCC of the Redwoods	Mill Valley, CA	24.86
3.	Good Samaritan MCC	Whittier, CA	22.65
4.	MCC of the Disciples	Washington, DC	20.05
5.	Maranatha MCC	Colorado Springs, CO	19.10
6.	New Life MCC	Charlotte, NC	17.44
7.	Ray of Hope MCC	Syracuse, NY	17.01
8.	MCC Washington DC	Washington, DC	16.72
9.	MCC Providence	Providence, RI	16.40
10.	MCC San Jose	San Jose, CA	16.29
11.	Reconciliation MCC	Grand Rapids, MI	16.26
12.	MCC Springfield	Springfield, MA	15.51
13.	MCC of the Pomona Valley	Ontario, CA	15.51
14.	MCC Brooklyn	Brooklyn, NY	15.01
15.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana, CA	15.00
16.	MCC Richmond	Richmond, VA	14.94
17.	MCC Calgary	Alberta, CANADA	14.92
18.	MCC San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	14.33
19.	New Covenant MCC	Garden Grove, CA	14.23
20.	MCC Midland/Odessa	Midland, TX	14.17

APPLICATIONS WANTED
General Conference 87 Worship & Music Director

The XIII UFMCC General Conference will be held at Miami Beach, Florida on July 19-26, 1987. Applications are requested for the challenging and fulfilling position of Conference Worship and Music Director. For further information please contact Mr. Ravi Verma at Fellowship headquarters.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Check out site in Miami Beach
- -Arrange for Equipment rental (sound, instruments lights etc)
- -Worship area requirement (decor, furniture, etc)
- -Set up process for selecting musicians/singers, organist and pianist.
- -Finalize arrangements with conference preachers.
- -Work with Board of Elders to organize worship services.
- -Preparation of bulletins, worship supplies.
- -Organize Conference Choir.
- -Insure that UFMCC guidelines for Inclusive Language are fulfilled.
- -Work with translation staff.
- -Work within budget.
- -Work effectively with other staff, Organist, Pianist, Conference Coordinator, Director of Administration and Board of Elders.
- -On site management.

Interested applicants should send:
1) Resume (including MCC experience)
2) 3 letters of reference

To: UFMCC General Conference 87
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DATE APPLICATIONS DUE: OCTOBER 15, 1986

CCCC HIGHLIGHTS:

-- New office hours: Weds-Fri from 11 am-5 pm
(213) 469-7894

-- New Address for Rev. Brenda Cisneros Hunt who will begin pastoring MCC Baton Rouge:
P.O. Box 64996
Baton Rouge, LA 70896-4996
(504) 387-4543

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NEW BUILDING FOR REDEEMER MCC OF FLINT, MICHIGAN

Praise God, the family of Redeemer MCC of Flint, Michigan is proud to announce that they have purchased their own church building. They shared a little history with us about how the congregation kept rejecting each of the buildings they would present to them until the one day when they found a building that was within a few blocks of where many of the people of the church live. The building was a foreclosure sale from the bank and was worth $100,000.00, the bank was asking for $60,000.00 and their bid was for $40,000.00 and it was accepted. The closing usually takes 90 to 180 days and they closed out the papers within thirty days. God's hand truly was in this decision. They ask that you pray with them as they remodel that God will continue to be their source of love.

PRAISES

Praise God, Mom Perry just celebrated her 70th birthday on September 11th. Happy birthday and best wishes from all.

Fresno, CA: The Evangelical Women's Caucus passed a resolution supporting gay civil rights. The resolution reads: "Whereas homosexual people are children of God and because of the biblical mandate of Jesus Christ that we are all created equal in God's sight, EWC takes a firm stand in favor of civil rights protection for homosexual persons." Hallelujah!

CLERGY CONFERENCE 1986

The site for CLERGY CONFERENCE 1986 was ideal! It allowed for time to get in touch with God and nature. It allowed for a very peaceful place to be with one another in fellowship or to be alone, if that was the need. The Worship Services were very informal and allowed for the diversification within our denomination.

Many left conference, first, with a sense of not wanting it to end, and secondly, feeling full, tired and exhilerated at the same time. Clergy were sharing themselves and their journeys in very intimate ways. There was a wonderful sense of trust that made it okay to do 'self-disclosures' with one another. Mostly there was a real sense of peace as Clergy shared their pain and joy with one another. Music, through song, told the story of Clergy Conference 1986. Praise God!

PRAYERS

Keep in your prayers the General Council as they will be meeting from October 19-25th in Los Angeles.

LOBBYING EFFORT BY MINORITY AIDS WORKERS BRINGS ACTION

In Washington, D.C., Gil Gerald, lobbyist for the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), announced that lobbying efforts undertaken earlier in June of this year by members of NMAC succeeded in getting congressional lawmakers to address the issue of AIDS among racial and ethnic minorities. Gerald indicated that the language in the federal budget includes a section which reads: "Blacks and Hispanics represent 39 percent of 22,173 cases of AIDS reported in the U.S. as of June 1986. Because these minority groups are at high risk for developing AIDS, the Committee believes that with the assistance of appropriate minority organizations, the Public Health Service should implement activities to address the AIDS education, research, and service needs of Blacks and Hispanics in all appropriate metropolitan areas. Educational campaigns regarding AIDS and HTLV-III/LAV should provide culturally sensitive and meaningful information to high risk minorities." NMAC would have preferred stronger language allocating specific dollar amounts for AIDS services being targeted at minorities in the areas of AIDS research, prevention, and treatment. For more information on NMAC contact Rev. Carl Bean (213) 936-4949 or Gil Gerald (202) 737-5276.

FREE SPIRIT MCC @ C.I.W. UPDATE

The spirit of worship attendees remains high, and the Church is still on the move within the walls of prison. The overcrowdedness is extremely high and we continue to deal with very volatile conditions because of it.

Rev. Ro Halford, Pastor of Free Spirit MCC, has been going in on Sundays for pastoral counseling, visitation and one-to-one contact.

Rev. Halford has told us that as she walks the 'yard' there's a sense of being watched and observed. There remains a sense of reservation on the part of the inmates who have either given up their religious involvement, or have succumbed to the more conservative religious authorities "inside". It is an awesome experience walking freely about within the confines of the prison -- a humbling experience. There is a sense of comradarie as some of the inmates walk with her around the facility. There is a sense of pride--even liberation. PRAISE GOD for the small steps we take!!

HISPANIC AMERICAS CONFERENCE

ALABANZAS A DIOS!! There was a fiesta of a time in Mexico City from 12, 13, and 14 of September 1986, as ICM Reconciliacion (Ciudad de Mexico's new name) hosted the Fifth Annual Hispanic Americas Ministry Conference in their new building. Delegates and observers from Costa Rica, Mexico, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania, and California attended the conference, which proved to be an excitingly spirit filled and visionary event.

The new building in Mexico City, purchased in full, was made possible due to the special "UFMCC - Mexico City Building Fund" from monies collected last year throughout the Fellowship for such a purpose. Rev. Elder Freda Smith of the Board of Elders was on hand to dedicate and bless the new facility.

Una gracias especial (a special thank you) to all of you in the Fellowship from Mexico City for making this dream and vision come true. (Remember Rev. Elder Troy Perry's sermon at the closing worship service at General Conference XII in Sacramento, about Mexico!!)

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

-- The worship services were wonderful, uplifting, and joyous with Rev. Vilma Torres (NY), Rev. Crispin Mata (Cuernavaca), Sr. Roberto Ochoa-Schutz (Los Angeles), and Rev. Horacio Flores (Mexico City) preaching. The first evening worship service was dedicated to the victims of catastrophies that occured in Colombia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and for people with AIDS.

-- Two Mexican student clergies were installed: Sr. Tomas Garcia (Guadalajara) officiated by Rev. Joseph Gilbert (Philadelphia) and Srta. Ana Maria Ferias (Mexico City) officiated by Rev. Elder Freda Smith. Felicidades/Congratulations!

-- The first CRC ever held in Mexico and chaired by Rev. Joseph Gilbert (with Rev. Vilma Torres and Rev. Bernardo David (Nogales)), recommended relicensures for Rev. Felix Escamilla and Rev. Horacio Flores. Felicidades A Los Dos!!

-- The Ballet Folklorico of ICM Reconciliacion put on a celebration of a show, with a special appearance of an African Dance Troupe that had the audience on their feet. The Finale had everyone participating and dancing on stage with confetti, balloons, and streamers!

-- The Business Meeting was productive: A Spanish Translation Committee was established to insure materials are translated correctly; A Committee was formed to review, recommend, and implement a Student Clergy Educational Process within Mexico and Latin America based on the CCCC Guidelines and Requirements for UFMCC Clergy Licensure. The Conference also endorsed EXCEL coming to Mexico City in March, 1987, sponsored by the EXCEL Teams of Los Angeles and Houston.

-- The workshops focused on AIDS in U.S. and Latin America which proved educational and gave all an opportunity to share experiences, fears, tears, and assurances of Faith!

-- Congratulations to Newly Elected Officiers to H.A.M.: Roberto Ochoa-Schutz, Extension Area Secretary, Sr. Carlos Aguilar (Mexico City), Lay Rep., and Srta. Lupe Martinez (San Francisco) H.A.M. Rep to the Third World/People of Color Conference. Dr. Armando Hernandez (Mexico City) and Sr. John Doner (Mexico City) continue as H.A.M. Coordinator and Treasurer, respectively! Felicidades!!

-- And last but not least, a CARINOSO GRACIAS (loving thank you) to all in Mexico City who made our visit such a pleasant one with constant reminders made by them, "Nuestra casa es tu casa!" (our home is your home!). We will not soon forget our hosts in their brown sweaters and tan skirts/slacks, so effecient and organized; nor will we forget the cooks, who prepared such good food for us. Que Dios les bendigan a todos/ May God bless you all!

MCC SERVICE AT MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Recently the Fellowship Office received a letter from a Lay Minister of All God's Children MCC in Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Minn. sharing with us about an MCC Service that was held at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. She and two Student Clergy (one from MCC Buffalo, NY, the other from MCC El Paso, TX) conducted and organized this MCC service for the second year in a row with a great attendance of 58 women. She also shared with us that they have bigger and better plans for next years service and perhaps having daily MCC networking meetings and Sunday morning worship service between now and next year. She shared how exciting it was to join together in Christian worship in an environment more inclined to Goddess worship, and be able to proclaim their love for God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Praise God and thank you for your wonderful letter. Know that our prayers are with you in this new ministry for you.